

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING – 28 SEPTEMBER 2011

**POSITION STATEMENT BY THE LEAD MEMBER FOR CHILDREN AND
YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICE**

I am sure that the Council will want to join me in congratulating Leicestershire's children and young people for their record breaking achievement in tests and examinations in 2011. These results are a testament to the hard work by children and young people supported very effectively by their teachers. This has enabled them to achieve the following outcomes:

- In the Early Years Foundation Stage we have continued to narrow the gap between the bottom 20% of young people and their peers
- 83% of pupils achieved level 4 in English in Key Stage 2 tests which is 2% above the national outcome.
- At Key Stage 3 Leicestershire results are outstanding. At Level 5, teacher assessment, which is the expected outcome for 14 year olds, Leicestershire, is first out of 151 local authorities in the country. It is also second for Science and fifth for English. These are truly outstanding outcomes.
- At GCSE there has been a very pleasing improvement at 5A*-C and provisional figures show that almost 80% have achieved this figure. This is an increase of 5 percentage points from 2010 and 23 percentage over the last five years. This equates to 1725 more young people gaining this key outcome measure.
- Provisional figures indicate 57% of people have achieved 5A*-C (including English and Maths) a further increase of 2 percentage points from 2010.
- Of particular interest this year has been the achievement of the three new schools established as part of the Melton/Vale of Belvoir re-organisation, I am delighted to inform the Council that the three new schools achieved an aggregated figure of 60% 5A*-C in English/Maths and 83% 5A*-C overall. These figures are higher than those achieved under the previous educational organisation in the area. Allied to this has been the excellent results at the new state of the art Post 16 Centre in Melton.
- All in all, the County Council can be very pleased with the outcomes achieved as a result of the re-organisation in this area which had been the overriding aim of the changes.
- At post 16, provisional figures indicate that Leicestershire schools have increased their average points score per pupil and also that 42% of all grades achieved were either A*, A or B.

In summary this has been another very pleasing year for outcomes achieved by Leicestershire children and young people. The quality of their education is supported also by Ofsted who judge that 73% of schools are good or outstanding and this puts us in the top echelon of all local authorities nationally. We have a lot to be proud of in Leicestershire schools and I thank and congratulate the pupils, staff and governors who have brought about the successful outcomes.